

REMARKS

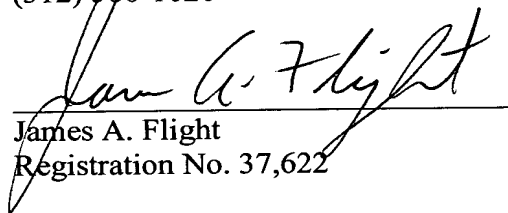
By way of this preliminary amendment, the specification has been amended to correct a typographical error in the figure descriptions. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] FIGS. 14A-14C ~~14D~~ are flowcharts illustrating example machine readable instructions for implementing the state identifier, the short-lived object identifier, the cache flusher, and the usage filter of the apparatus of FIG. 10.